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**Volunteers sought for Thurmond Lake cleanup**

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – The annual [U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake](#) cleanup currently underway seeks additional volunteers. Volunteers are needed between now and Sept. 25 to pick up litter and debris along public lands and waters of the lake, including the shoreline, islands, recreation areas, coves, old road ends and bridge areas. Scouting groups, civic organizations, sportsmen's clubs, church groups, businesses, as well as families and individuals concerned about preserving the lake, can help with the cleanup around Thurmond Lake.

To participate, volunteers choose an area of shoreline and remove any glass, paper, plastic or abandoned items. Those wishing to volunteer should email name(s) of participant(s), the date/time for volunteer support, and the area volunteering to cleanup to Park Ranger David Quebedeaux at [david.m.quebedeaux@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.m.quebedeaux@usace.army.mil). Trash bags are available from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Office and Visitor Center by Thurmond Dam, or volunteers can use their own bags. Trash collected can be dropped off at trash receptacles near Corps boat ramps.

The cleanup campaign ends Sept. 25 with a Volunteer Picnic and Public Lands Appreciation Day held at the Below Dam South Carolina Recreation Day Use Area. Before the picnic, volunteers can also participate in a trail building activity near the Below Dam South Carolina Boat Ramp which begins at 8 a.m.

"Volunteers are encouraged to sign up now so we can plan the work details and volunteer appreciation picnic," said Quebedeaux, the event coordinator.

The J. Strom Thurmond Lake cleanup campaign is now included in the National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest, hands-on volunteer initiative to improve and enhance public lands. The program, sponsored by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF), began with the idea that millions of Americans who use public lands each year – federal, state and local – could spend a day giving back to the land and their country. The cleanup is part of Georgia's statewide "Rivers Alive" program.

For more information contact the Corps' Thurmond Project Office toll free at 1-800-533-3478, ext. 1147.

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